

7-Day Divine Principle Workshop

Schmittgen, Germany, 20. – 26. July 2013



Group picture with Mrs An at the seminar house

For the first time this year we could organise a full 7-Day WS in Schmittgen Germany. The 17 participants came from Vienna, Berlin, Hamburg, Dusseldorf and Frankfurt. For many of the guests it was their first experience of a 7-Day WS.

The cultural and religious background of the participants was as different as their faces: some had a Christian background, others came from an Islamic and even Zoroastrian background. They came from Africa, Tunisia, Persia, Japan and from both parts of Germany, when it was still divided between East and West.

During the very first evening people could introduce themselves and share deep moments of their life. This was continued the next evening around a camp fire. Everybody had some tales to tell from their life. On Wednesday afternoon we had a chance to visit a nearby Bahia Temple, since one of our guests was a follower of the Bahia religion. It was a precious experience, especially since we realised many parallels between the teachings of the Bahia founder Baha'ullah and our own Divine Principle. Following this visit, we spent a nice evening at the "rock of Brunhilde" at the very top of Mount Feldberg, the highest mountain of the Taunus range.

Everybody was surprised to find a sumptuous Korean meal prepared for the last dinner. Mrs. An, wife of the continental leader Rev. An from Europe, had just arrived from Korea and prepared seaweed soup and glass noodle salad.

Teachers were Dieter Schmidt and Fritz Piepenburg, whose presentations were followed by a special time of reflection and questions and answers session. Irene di Gangi (workshop mother), Ulrich Ganz (musician and song leader) and Peter May, taking care of the rooms and the meals, all contributed towards the success of the workshop.

The seminar came to an end, when certificates were passed out to the participants. Then each took his or her time for writing reflections, some excerpts can be read hereafter.

Among you I could feel the pure love from the heart and without an external show. This will stay my special memory. I will certainly miss you and therefore hope to see at least some of you soon again. – Hamid

My intuition tells me that the Holy Spirit was at work here ... I feel love for Rev. Moon, because I realise, he has been sent by God. I will continue to study his teachings. And I will try to grow a similar compassion for witnessing to God, our Heavenly Father. – Semi

I will never ask again, if the Holy Spirit has taken on a certain form - I simply felt the spirit moving. Much, which we though we know, has been put in new light. Much has to be though over again. People talking over the course of 7 days about God do so for the inner self. – Sigrun

I have learned many new things and I am glad I came. Next time I will come again and bring more people from 2nd gen. – Hanna

It is my deep prayer that if all people would accept the New Truth, and God's ideal could be realized, how nice it would be. – Carol

I was very happy to get to know new people, who are seeking God, and also represent God. I experienced how we grew closer in heart to each other and could develop brotherly and sisterly love for each other. - Franz-Josef

Time has passed so fast. The big expectations and anticipation in the beginning were all fulfilled. We were a internationally mixed group. – Marija

Each "Moonie", blessed couple and child, should be invited at least once a year to attend such a seminar. For me as an "old hand" the workshop means cleaning of the garbage which has piled up in my brains. I received inspiration and knowledge about the daily practical application of the Divine Principle. - Christian



Outing to the nearby Feldberg – Dieter Schmidt lecturing – going for a walk